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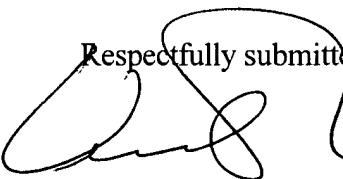
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Dear Honorable Commissioner:

TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Transmitted herewith is the Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement, 1 sheets form 1449, and 21 specimens of prior art and other information. Please enter in the above applications and communicate in all related matters with the undersigned. All necessary fees are intended to be included, however the Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees to deposit account #500323.

Respectfully submitted,


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Applicants submit this statement and the attached 1 sheet(s) of form PTO-1449 and 21 specimens of prior art and other information in accordance to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56,1.97, and 1.98, and requests consideration hereof.

Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97: This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three (3) months of the filing date of a National Application or before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits. No fee or certification is required.

Information Cited: The Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application, the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the reference. As all the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 are in English, no commentary is required.

Remarks: A copy of each reference, together with a listing on Form PTO-1449(modified), is submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
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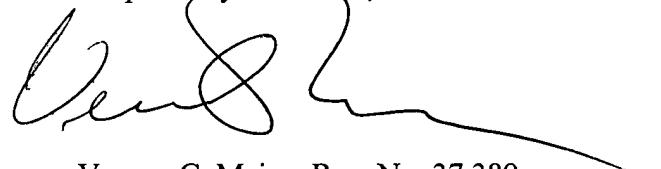
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Notwithstanding any statement by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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